

JASON M. FRIERSON  
United States Attorney  
Nevada Bar Number 7709  
EDWARD G. VERONDA  
Assistant United States Attorney  
501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
Tel: (702) 388-6336/Fax: (702) 388-6418  
edward.g.veronda@usdoj.gov  
*Attorneys for the United States*

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARIEL OMAR LOPEZ-HERNANDEZ,  
aka "Ariel Lopez,"

Defendant

Case No. 2:23-mj-494-BNW

**Stipulation to Extend Deadlines  
to Conduct Preliminary Hearing  
and File Indictment**

**(First Request)**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Jason M. Frierson, United States Attorney, and Edward G. Veronda, Assistant United States Attorney, counsel for the United States of America, Rene L. Valladares, Federal Public Defender, and Kimberly Sharkey, Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Defendant ARIEL OMAR LOPEZ-HERNANDEZ, that the Court schedule the preliminary hearing in this case for no earlier than 90 days from the date of the filing of this stipulation. This request requires that the Court extend two deadlines: (1) that a preliminary hearing be conducted within 14 days of a detained defendant's initial appearance, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and (2) that an information or indictment be filed within 30 days of a defendant's arrest, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b).

1 This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

2 1. The United States Attorney's Office has developed an early disposition  
3 program for immigration cases, authorized by the Attorney General pursuant to the  
4 PROTECT ACT of 2003, Pub. L. 108-21.

5 2. The early disposition program for immigration cases is designed to: (1)  
6 reduce the number of hearings required in order to dispose of a criminal case; (2) avoid  
7 having more cases added to the court's trial calendar, while still discharging the  
8 government's duty to prosecute federal crimes; (3) reduce the amount of time between  
9 complaint and sentencing; and (4) avoid adding significant time to the grand jury calendar  
10 to seek indictments in immigration cases, which in turn reduces court costs.

11 3. The government has made a plea offer in this case that requires defendant to  
12 waive specific rights and hearings in exchange for "fast-track" downward departure under  
13 USSG § 5K3.1. This offer will be withdrawn if it is not timely accepted before this matter is  
14 indicted and before a preliminary hearing is held.

15 4. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(c), the Court "must hold the  
16 preliminary hearing within a reasonable time, but no later than 14 days after the initial  
17 appearance if the defendant is in custody . . . ."

18 5. However, under Rule 5.1(d), "[w]ith the defendant's consent and upon a  
19 showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
20 criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits in Rule 5.1(c) one or more  
21 times . . . ."

22 6. Furthermore, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), "[a]ny  
23 information or indictment charging an individual with the commission of an offense shall  
24

1 be filed within thirty days from the date on which such individual was arrested or served  
2 with a summons in connection with such charges.”

3 7. Defendant needs additional time to review the discovery and investigate  
4 potential defenses to make an informed decision as to how to proceed, including whether  
5 to accept the fast-track plea agreement.

6 8. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court schedule the  
7 preliminary hearing in this case no sooner than 90 days from today’s date.

8 9. Defendant is in custody and agrees to the extension of the 14-day deadline  
9 imposed by Rule 5.1(c) and waives any right to remedies under Rule 5.1(c) or 18 U.S.C.  
10 § 3161(b), provided that the information or indictment is filed on or before the date ordered  
11 pursuant to this stipulation .

12 10. The parties agree to the extension of that deadline.

13 11. This extension supports the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
14 criminal cases by permitting defendant to consider entering into a plea agreement under the  
15 United States Attorney’s Office’s fast-track program for § 1326 defendants.

16 12. Accordingly, the additional time requested by this stipulation is allowed  
17 under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(d).

18 13. In addition, the parties stipulate and agree that the time between today and  
19 the scheduled preliminary hearing is excludable in computing the time within which the  
20 defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy  
21 Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), considering the factors under 18 U.S.C.  
22 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv).



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARIEL OMAR LOPEZ-HERNANDEZ,  
aka “Ariel Lopez,”

Defendant.

## Order on Stipulation to Extend Deadlines to Conduct Preliminary Hearing and File Indictment

Based on the stipulation of counsel, good cause appearing, and the best interest of justice being served; the time requested by this stipulation being excludable in computing the time within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv):

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled on June 23, 2023 at the hour of 3:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to **September 25, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

DATED this 15th day of June, 2023.

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE